



**Planning Commission
Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee
February 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room # 1027
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701**

CURRENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dave Anderson
Danette Chimenti
Stephen Oliver

Jean Stevens
Myron Smith
James Nortey
Jeff Jack – Ex-Officio

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

1. Introduce members of the Committee and Staff.
2. Inform audience of procedure.
3. The first three speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the January 15, 2013 minutes.

3. POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS: Proposed for Initiation and Discussion

Potential amendments to the code are offered for discussion and possible recommendation for initiation. If initiated, Staff will research the proposal and report back to the subcommittee.

- a. **Urban Farms** – Discussion and possible initiation of an amendment to 25-2 of the City Code to clarify, update, and revise regulations related to urban farms, livestock, size of farm, employees and dwelling. City Staff: Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Development Review, 974-3207, Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- b. **Temporary Signs** – Discussion and possible initiation of an amendment to Chapter 25 of the City Code to allow temporary signs in the downtown area for special events. City Staff: Greg Guernsey, Planning and Development Review, 974-2387, Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)

4. **REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated**

Previously initiated amendments to the code are offered for discussion and possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission.

- a. **STAFF BRIEFING: Subchapter E. Amendments** – Discuss amendments to Chapter 25 of the City Code to make clarifications, revisions, updates, and additions to Subchapter E., as related to design standards and mixed use. City Staff: George Adams, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2146, George.Adams@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- b. **Definition of Bedroom** – Discuss amending Chapter 25 of the City Code clarifying the definition of bedroom in City Code. City Staff: John McDonald, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2728, John.McDonald@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- c. **Bicycle Parking** – Consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the City Code related to bicycle parking. City Staff: Annick Beaudet, Public Works Department, 974-6505, Annick.Beaudet@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- d. **Barton Springs General Grounds Improvements** – Consider an ordinance of a site specific amendment to City Code section 25-8-514 (Save Our Springs Initiative) to allow construction in the critical water quality zone of Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvement Project which includes new hardscape, landscape, an expanded parking lot and an accessible walkway to the south pool deck from the existing south side parking lot. City Staff: Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review, 974-1218, Liz.Johnston@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- e. **Temporary Outdoor Public Assembly** – Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the city code, to allow temporary outdoor public assembly in certain zoning districts. City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- f. **Subchapter F. Correction** – Consider ordinances amending Chapter 25 of the City Code to add back a provision in Subchapter F. regarding 15 foot ceiling heights, which was inadvertently removed. City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- g. **Conservation Single Family Residential** – Consider an amendment to 25-2 of the City Code to add back a section of code pertaining to conservation single family residential use that was inadvertently removed. City Staff: Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Development Review, 974-3207, Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or Possible Action)

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **McMansion** – Updates on Chapter 25 of the City Code relating to Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards (McMansion) regulations within the City’s zoning jurisdiction. City Staff: Greg Guernsey, Planning and Development Review, 974-2387, Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov

- b. Update on potential upcoming and current code amendments, and the amendment process** - City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items will NOT be discussed at the current meeting, but will be offered for initiation, discussion, and/or possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission at a FUTURE meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee, please contact Greg Dutton at (512) 974-3509 or at greg.dutton@austintexas.gov